

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 972 - HB 1135

March 11, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) who provides services in a community mental health center to arrange for the required personal review of the APRN's charts by a collaborating physician in the office or practice site of the physician, or the required visit by a collaborating physician to any remote site, or both, via HIPAA-compliant electronic means rather than at the site of the clinic.

Authorizes a physician assistant (PA) authorized to prescribe drugs, who provides services in a community mental health center, to arrange for the required personal review of the PA's charts by a collaborating physician in the office or practice site of the physician, or the required visit by a collaborating physician to any remote site, or both, via HIPAA-compliant electronic means rather than at the site of the clinic.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (004610, 004785, 005579): Amendment 004610 corrects an incorrect statutory reference from "45 C.F.R. § 64.312" to "45 C.F.R. § 164.312" without making any substantive changes to the legislation.

Amendment 004785 adds language to the proposed legislation that defines "collaborating physician" as a physician with the authority to make the prescriptions that the APRN can make in Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-7-123(b)(6), and further defines "collaborating physician" as a physician with the authority to make the prescriptions that the PA can make in Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-19-107(2)(I).

Amendment 005579 deletes the language "collaborating physician in the office" in the proposed legislation and replaces it with the language "collaborating physician, with the same authority to render prescriptive services that the nurse practitioner is authorized to render, in the office".

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Health, the proposed legislation will not impact any programs or policies of the Department or health related boards; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- The proposed legislation only applies to community mental health centers which are private organizations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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